

# Hawai 'i State Association of Counties (HSAC)

Counties of Hawai'i, Kaua'i, Maui and the City & County of Honolulu

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## MINUTES

### HSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (Via ZOOM)

September 23, 2021

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

*The meeting was called to order by CM Chock at 1:00pm*

*In attendance:*

*Council Members- Tommy Waters, Kelly King, Mason Chock, Heather Kimball, Felicia Cowden, Tamara Paltin, Bernard Carvalho;*

*HSAC Lobbyist, Jon Okudara; and,*

*Others: Isaiah Shigematsu, Chico Figueiredo, Kamakana Watanabe, Nahelani Webster Parsons, Aida Kawamura, Axel Beers, Josh Standbro, George White, Kasie Takayama, Ellen Mckinley,*

#### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Agenda was approved as amended with no objections.*

#### III. MINUTES

##### A. August 26, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

*CM Chock asked if there is interest to link the meeting recordings to the minutes that are posted on the website or in the archives. CM Kimball: does have the recordings available and accessible to the committee but the recordings can be made available. CM Chock: wanted to make sure he was following up on it and they can circle back to it so that it can be made available to those who can't make the meetings or to the public.*

*Approved with no objections.*

#### IV. REPORTS

##### A. Treasurer's Report-

*CM Waters, Treasurer, reported the following:*



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*As of August 23 2021:*

*Balance of primary HSAC account is \$135,398.26.*

*Balance of HSAC conference account is \$52,796.41.*

*Total deposit account balances is \$188,194.67.*

*CM Waters: Currently working on taxes and they have requested information from the accountants and his office is working on resolving a charge on the card.*

*CM Chock: Would like parameters around the card usage for HSAC. When Maui was heading treasure accounts, they created a policy around the debit card and will re-share the information. Action item to review Page 19 in the by-laws regarding finances.*

*Treasurer's Report was accepted for audit with no objections.*

## **B. County Reports**

- 1. County of Hawai'i-CM Kimball reported that the HSAC conference has new dates for the conference that are September 28, 2022 - October 1, 2022 (Wednesday through Saturday). TicketSpice ticket dates have been changed. Existing registrations are carried over. 9 total sponsors for a total of \$33,000. Budget goal for sponsors is \$65,000. New hotel rates have increased from \$259 to \$299 for the conference lodging. Innovation Grant from Hawai'i County R&D will be carried over to the new dates. On September 22, 2021 a Financial Literacy Resolution to urge the Department of Education to support legislation to include financial literacy in the curriculum. Briefing from the finance director about the spending of the CARES and ERAP money, \$14 million in the emergency rental assistance program but very little uptake in the program. Just about done with the TAT Legislation and hoping to have it on Oct 19, 2021 committee meeting.*
- 2. County of Kauai-CM Chock reported that their TAT Bill did pass. The start date is October 1<sup>st</sup>. Had a meeting with Nahelani and gave an overview and briefing of the position. She would like to serve as executive assistant. They are in the process of finalizing the contract. The goal is to have her onboard by October 1, 2021.*
- 3. County of Maui-CM King reported about the ERAP. Of the \$36 million available, only \$11.1 million has been distributed. The county TAT surcharge passed the first reading. Second reading will be on October 1, 2021 and the hope is that it goes into effect on October 1, 2021. Does not affect any reservations made prior to October 1, 2021. Charter commission meeting and they are expecting 10 or more new charter amendments for Maui including a district voting amendment would mean candidates do not have to run on all 3 islands in every district. Maui created a Temporary Investigative Group (TIG) to come up with some "over tourism" solutions by speaking with groups of broad stakeholders. Passed at CARE Committee- a requirement that homes larger than 5,000 square feet have to be built to net zero.*



CM Chock- Small interjection to introduce Nahelani before Honolulu County gives an update. Welcome from everyone and introductions.

4. City/County of Honolulu- *Update from CM Waters-In Honolulu's 2020 budget bill there was a proviso allowing the administration to have free reign of the CARES Act money. Have any of the other counties had the same situation? Looking at some of the council priorities and include them on how to spend the money. Budget attorney advised that they should have and could have put the ERAPA money in the budget.*

C. NACo Report *No report.*

D. WIR Report *CM King reported that she wasn't able to attend the last meeting but there is an upcoming WIR National Conference in October 13-15, 2021, in Salt Lake County, UT without any accommodations for virtual attendees.*

*Motion to receive reports approved with no objections.*

## V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and consideration of 2022 HSAC Legislative Package and Extension of Deadlines and Proposals

*CM Waters asked if getting items through our councils before we submit to the HSAC board for approval and then back to the councils for final approval the most effecient way to do this? CM King- the by-laws don't say we need to send it to HSAC from the councils first but once we get the HSAC package ready then we take it to our councils for approval. Having to have the bills officially approved beforehand seems like it forces too many deadlines. CM Kimball is okay with asking HSAC to approve legisltive priorities this time around. Two objectives are to get the bills we want this session and then to make HSAC a force legislatively. CM Chock- The reason HSAC is getting council approval before submitting to HSAC legislative packet review is to show that these have been vetted by the councils which shows support when submitting to the HSAC Legislative package.*

*John Okudura- Believes the list is too long including in areas that we don't have expertise. Currently concentrating on 3 or 4 bills. We should focus on 4 or 5 bills at most in the package. CM King- disagrees because they have had 15 bills in HSAC package before. John Okudura- Feels certain he can finish 3 bills by tomorrow if he hears back from the people about the taxes. He is having a hard time with the cesspools and the process of negotiating with the unions isn't going to work quick enough. Now exploring the idea of counties establishing wastewater improvement districts.*

*CM Waters- Suggests having a separate meeting just on HSAC Legislative Package.*



*CM Chock- recommends we come back for another meeting to figure out the deadlines and who is going to be introducing any bills.*

- b. *Josh Stanbro gives an update: amicus brief to support the Honolulu case at the State Court. Same attorneys will volunteer their time if HSAC is supportive to put in an amicus brief at the federal court level. Questions are: is HSAC in support of tapping the same attorneys to file an amicus brief for the federal court? Maui County's case is coming up in state court. The attorneys said they would be willing to refile the amicus brief that was filed on behalf of Honolulu. Is HSAC willing to support Maui as well?*  
*CM King moves to support both Honolulu ad Maui County court cases and filing of amicus briefs. Seconded by CM Waters. Approved with no objections.*

- c. *Communication from Sharon Ibarra State Boards and Commission Office requesting a nomination from Hawai'i State Association of Counties for the Hawai'i Sister State Committee:*  
*CM Chock- Deadline of next month and will forward any specific communications he has received. CM Kimball- recommends Jane Clemet who is an Exec Assistant to Mayor Roth. She manages Sister City Program and does a fantastic job. Please send suggestions of nominations.*

*Motion to receive and was approved with no objections.*

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

No Items.

## **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*EC motions to recess and meet on September 29, 2021, from 12pm.*

*Motion was approved with no objections.*

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned by CM Chock with no objections.*

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**Council Member Heather Kimball**  
**Secretary, Hawaii State Association of Counties**

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### HSAC SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (Via ZOOM)

**September 29, 2021** (*Discussion of 2022 HSAC Legislative Package continued*)

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

*The meeting was called to order by CM Chock at 12:00pm*

*In attendance:*

*Council Members- Tommy Waters, Kelly King, Mason Chock, Heather Kimball, and their staff;  
and HSAC Lobbyist, Jon Okudara;*

#### **II. AGENDA**

Agenda is continuation of discussion and consideration of 2022 HSAC Legislative Package and Extension of Deadlines and Proposals under Old Business.

#### **III. MINUTES**

*No Minutes.*

#### **IV. REPORTS**

*No reports.*

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

*No new business.*

#### **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

Continuation of Discussion and consideration of 2022 HSAC Legislative Package and Extension of Deadlines and Proposals

*John Okudara- bill that was introduced by HSAC about immunity for lifeguards was vetoed because the section of the law changed for the liability. There was no opposition to it before and the lifeguards support it. Other bills are County TAT Bill (percentage to be decided by each county individually), looking at the improvement district concept to address the cesspools. Discussion about posting times for agenda due to the Sunshine Law.*



*CM King said she can take on introducing the Lifeguard bill to her committee for approval.*

*CM Waters- will be introducing the County TAT bill.*

*CM Kimball will introduce the bill on abandoned vehicles and fees for the county.*

*CM Kimball- suggests having a Bill tracking page on the website so HSAC can highlight certain bills or to prove support of bills.*

*CM Chock- would like to put together a list of bills HSAC is to support so they can easily be agendized moving forward.*

*CM Chock- there will be another meeting in December to approve the final HSAC package.*

## **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Scheduling of the next Executive Committee meeting- The next meeting is scheduled at 10am on October 26, 2021.*

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned by CM Chock with no objections.*

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**Council Member Heather Kimball**  
**Secretary, Hawaii State Association of Counties**